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Our Rights in Hawaii.

It is said that the mutual arrangement between England and France in 1843, by which neither of those nations ever should set up any protectorate over Hawaii, or possess any of its soil, was intended as well to bar other nations not parties to the contract. Of course, this is sheer nonsense. By common consent, Hawaii has been considered as under the protection of the United States. Before the days of ocean cables and monster steam warships, consuming a coal mine on every cruise, and before the Nicaragua Canal was regarded as anything more than an abstract theory in engineering, control of the islands by the United States was universally considered the proper thing by governments whose mutual jealousies would not permit anyone of them to possess the "Key of the Pacific." Now, it is different, and it is hinted that several European powers may join to raise issues antecedent to the revolution in Hawaii, which all have concurred in burying, by accepting the republic and maintaining diplomatic relations with it.

Cleveland and Olney did what they could to vacate the constructive protectorate which the United States claimed over the Hawaiian Islands. How far their conduct may have affected our present rights in the premises, is a legal question which need not now be discussed. But it seems to be plain that, if we have any rights and our Government has the least intention of maintaining them, no time is to be lost in asserting them vigorously, and, if need be, "vi et armis." Pending a settlement of the annexation question, the Executive should immediately reassert our right of protectorate, and proceed to enforce it by sending a force to Honolulu. If something of that kind is not done, there may, and doubtless will, be a new revolution, backed by Japan, as agent for England, and perhaps Germany; and then we should have to face an accomplished fact and a hostile pseudo local government. The Congress should be kept in Washington until annexation is completed, and it should not disperse without providing adequate means to maintain the rights and dignity of the nation in the event of war.

We are not sure that the scheme of foreign intervention has not been fomented by American influences which for years have dominated the executive branch of this Government in the interest of Great Britain, and largely do so to this day. We are strongly of the opinion that the same influences are using the situation to extend the sphere of European policy, so that it may cover the Cuban question and balk the American people in their desire to assist the young republic in its struggle for liberty. We begin to suspect the "bona fides" of the Administration, in raising the Hawaiian annexation issue, and to fear that it may have been done to bring about concerted intervention by Europe both in Hawaii and Cuba. —Washington Times.

Appeal from Hawaiians.

It is rumored in official circles that a monstrous petition from the native Hawaiians is on its way from Honolulu to Washington, or at least that it has been prepared and may be expected on any steamer.

The statement is that this petition has been signed by thousands of the native Hawaiians, and that it recites most of the arguments that have been made by the ex-Queen, Liliuokalani, and asks that the Hawaiian treaty be either withdrawn by the Administration or not ratified by the Senate.

The petition shows, it is asserted, that by far the majority of the population of the islands is not in favor of annexation, and that they wish to return to the old form of government under the queen. The statement is that Queen Liliuokalani herself asked the native Hawaiians for this petition and secured their signatures to it, and that she will present it herself when it arrives in this country.

It is also stated on excellent authority that if this plan fails and the treaty comes up before the Senate for ratification, Queen Liliuokalani has another move to make. A certain Senator from one of the Western States will move that before the treaty be ratified by the Senate a vote of the legal electors on the islands be secured on the ratification. Queen Liliuokalani was at the Capitol for several hours yesterday in the marble room on this matter.

The effectiveness of this petition in the way of an argument has been suggested. It is believed to be the first petition ever sent this Government by foreigners, and may, it is thought, have a peculiar weight for this reason with many people. —Washington Post.

Morgan's Manoeuvre.

The bill introduced by Senator Morgan, to give effect to the Hawaiian annexation treaty, and providing means for the transfer of the islands to this country, ought to set at rest all doubt as to the fate of the movement. It will only require a majority in each House to pass the bill, and that fact will place the Hanna-Havemeyer contingent in a close box. It is open to suspicion that certain Administration influences have publicly favored the treaty only because they have been secretly confident that it could not command the two-thirds vote in the Senate necessary to ratification. The Morgan bill upsets that calculation, and places both Hanna and the President in a position where they will have to back annexation in good faith, no matter how hard the sugar people may protest or threaten. After a little while it may occur to the "business manager" that political subterfuges and gallery plays are a trifle dangerous in the neighborhood of the Grand Old Man from Alabama. —Washington Times.

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